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1. The Soviet Union is moving in great haste for the calling of a Straits conference on the Dardanelles question.
2. This conference is planned for 20 Mar 54.
3. The objective of the Soviets is the relaxation of the decisions of the Treaty of Montreux, insofar as they limit the maritime freedom of movement of the USSR.
4. The USSR intends to broaden out the subjects of discussion to questions of military security in southeastern Europe and the eastern Mediterranean, of Near and Middle East independence.

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